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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re: ) CHAPTER 11  
CALPINE CORPORATION, et al, ) Case No. 05-60200 (BRL)  
Debtor. ) Jointly Administered

**FURTHER RESPONSE OF ROBERT MEMBRENO, TRUSTEE OF SAI TRUST TO  
DEBTORS' ELEVENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO PROOFS OF CLAIMS, EQUITY  
INTEREST CLAIMS, UNLIQUIDATED CLAIMS, ANTICIPATORY CLAIMS, CLAIMS  
TO BE ADJUSTED AND WRONG DEBTOR CLAIMS TO BE ADJUSTED AND REPLY TO  
DEBTORS' OBJECTION TO SAI'S MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM STAY**

**TO: THE HONORABLE BURTON R. LIFLAND  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE.**

20 Robert Membreno, Trustee of SAI Trust (“SAI”) files this further response to DEBTORS’  
21 ELEVENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO PROOFS OF CLAIMS, EQUITY INTEREST CLAIMS,  
22 UNLIQUIDATED CLAIMS, ANTICIPATORY CLAIMS, CLAIMS TO BE ADJUSTED AND  
23 WRONG DEBTOR CLAIMS TO BE ADJUSTED (“Objection”), and reply to Debtors’ opposition  
24 to SAI’s motion for relief from stay as follows:

#### **A. Summary Of Arguments:**

26 Debtor's Objection must be overruled as veiled attempt to use the bankruptcy stay as both a

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1 shield against SAI's efforts to fully liquidate its claims, to tie SAI's hands behind its back, and as a  
2 sword to chop off SAI's head. SAI has timely and properly submitted proofs of claim base on valid  
3 authority and legitimate basis and filed amended proofs of claims in an effort to provide preliminary  
4 figures for calculation of SAI's damages/losses and should be allowed to proceed to liquidate these  
5 claims in the most cost effective manner.

6 As to SAI's motion for relief from stay, it must be granted so SAI and Debtors may properly  
7 liquidate SAI's claims and so Debtors cannot use the stay to tie SAI.

8 **B. SAI'S Amended Proofs of Claim:**

9 On Monday, June 11, 2007, SAI received Debtors' (A) Objection To SAI Trust's Motion For  
10 Relief From Stay And (B) Reply To SAI Trust's Response To The Debtors' Eleventh Omnibus  
11 Claims Objection To SAI Trust's Proofs Of Claim ("Debtors' Pleading").

12 On June 11, 2007, SAI filed amended proofs of claims in order to partially and preliminarily  
13 liquidate its claims. These amended claims outline preliminary information relative to SAI's claims  
14 and reflect portions of the business dealings between Debtors and SAI. These figures are preliminary  
15 and partial, do not include other potential damages/losses based on Debtors' use of budgeted figures  
16 and not actual figures, charging 15% overhead on budgeted figures and not actual figures and  
17 including allocated budgeted costs from other plants, and including costs not allowed to be included  
18 based on the parties contractual agreements and are limited to pre-petition matters. This preliminary  
19 calculation only addresses one area of damage/loss based on Debtors' improperly allocating  
20 budgeted costs to SAI on a percentage basis and pre-petition January 2001 through December 2005.  
21 Said amount totals \$245,723.09. These figures were obtained from monthly NPI statements obtained  
22 from Debtors (Although never certified by debtors Chief Financial Officer as required by the  
23 underlying agreements):

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3 **SAI Trust**  
 4 **Cal Pine Allocated Expenses Deduction in dispute**

		Total Allocated Expense	@4.55%
6	Jan-01	\$ -	\$ -
7	Feb-01	\$ -	\$ -
8	Mar-01	\$ -	\$ -
9	Jan-Mar True up	Apr-01 \$ 210,877.99 *	\$ 9,594.95
10		May-01 \$ 74,889.32	\$ 3,407.46
11		Jun-01 \$ 107,243.43	\$ 4,879.58
12		Jul-01 \$ 54,514.42	\$ 2,480.41
13		Aug-01 \$ 104,038.44	\$ 4,733.75
14		Sep-01 \$ 82,132.01	\$ 3,737.01
15		Oct-01 \$ 87,599.98	\$ 3,985.80
16		Nov-01 \$ 60,165.47	\$ 2,737.53
17		Dec-01 \$ 35,148.38	\$ 1,599.25
18		Jan-02 \$ 75,835.26	\$ 3,450.50
19		Feb-02 \$ 65,889.48	\$ 2,997.97
20		Mar-02 \$ 61,450.45	\$ 2,796.00
21		Apr-02 \$ 41,621.72	\$ 1,893.79
22		May-02 \$ 42,069.18	\$ 1,914.15
23		Jun-02 \$ 37,943.85	\$ 1,726.45
24		Jul-02 \$ 44,318.60	\$ 2,016.50
25		Aug-02 \$ 53,364.83	\$ 2,428.10
26		Sep-02 \$ 54,383.44	\$ 2,474.45
27		Oct-02 \$ 62,323.49	\$ 2,835.72
28		Nov-02 \$ 56,571.61	\$ 2,574.01
29		Dec-02 \$ 57,514.97	\$ 2,616.93
30		Jan-03 \$ 110,891.37	\$ 5,045.56
31		Feb-03 \$ 93,134.88	\$ 4,237.64
32		Mar-03 \$ 83,359.91	\$ 3,792.88
33		Apr-03 \$ 104,483.34	\$ 4,753.99
34		May-03 \$ 100,422.52	\$ 4,569.22
35		Jun-03 \$ 90,554.96	\$ 4,120.25
36		Jul-03 \$ 106,978.17	\$ 4,867.51
37		Aug-03 \$ 94,185.34	\$ 4,285.43
38		Sep-03 \$ 123,901.44	\$ 5,637.52
39		Oct-03 \$ 111,313.10	\$ 5,064.75
40		Nov-03 \$ 188,866.58	\$ 8,593.43
41		Dec-03 \$ 229,528.23	\$ 10,443.53
42		Jan-04 \$ 167,579.22	\$ 7,624.85
43		Feb-04 \$ 161,547.67	\$ 7,350.42
44		Mar-04 \$ 112,971.97	\$ 5,140.22
45		Apr-04 \$ 86,545.03	\$ 3,937.80

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1	May-04	\$ 78,569.62	\$ 3,574.92
2	Jun-04	\$ 122,794.90	\$ 5,587.17
3	Jul-04	\$ 94,911.07	\$ 4,318.45
4	Aug-04	\$ 101,499.03	\$ 4,618.21
5	Sep-04	\$ 83,585.29	\$ 3,803.13
6	Oct-04	\$ 78,928.33	\$ 3,591.24
7	Nov-04	\$ 66,402.70	\$ 3,021.32
8	Dec-04	\$ 124,427.61	\$ 5,661.46
9	Jan-05	\$ 89,187.80	\$ 4,058.04
10	Feb-05	\$ 130,170.61	\$ 5,922.76
11	Mar-05	\$ 101,011.86	\$ 4,596.04
12	Apr-05	\$ 52,702.62	\$ 2,397.97
13	May-05	\$ 100,652.98	\$ 4,579.71
14	Jun-05	\$ 98,049.99	\$ 4,461.27
15	Jul-05	\$ 106,146.17	\$ 4,829.65
16	Aug-05	\$ 118,378.04	\$ 5,386.20
17	Sep-05	\$ 126,453.65	\$ 5,753.64
18	Oct-05	\$ 84,586.14	\$ 3,848.67
19	Nov-05	\$ 138,265.49	\$ 6,291.08
20	Dec-05	\$ 67,623.45	\$ 3,076.87
21	Jan-06	\$ 68,587.29	\$ 3,120.72
22	Feb-06	\$ 83,468.96	\$ 3,797.84
23	Mar-06	\$ 88,906.62	\$ 4,045.25
24	Apr-06	\$ 181,029.40	\$ 8,236.84
25	May-06	\$ 82,321.61	\$ 3,745.63
26	Jun-06	\$ 89,359.38	\$ 4,065.85
27	Jul-06	\$ 61,919.82	\$ 2,817.35
28	Aug-06	\$ 94,229.72	\$ 4,287.45
29	Sep-06	\$ 91,056.30	\$ 4,143.06
30	Oct-06	\$ 103,836.19	\$ 4,724.55
31	Nov-06	\$ 62,095.79	\$ 2,825.36
32	Dec-06	\$ 51,925.41	\$ 2,362.61

**C. The Original Agreements Between SAI Geothermal, SAI's predecessor, and Freeport McMoran, And The Calculation of NPI Were Premises On West Ford Flat Operating As A Stand Alone Plant And Pre-Date Any Involvement Of Debtors.**

The original agreement between SAI Geothermal and Freeport McMoran were made by Robert Membreno. Only SAI Geothermal, SAI, Mr. Membreno, and Freeport McMoran have personal knowledge of the drafting and intent of the underlying agreements relative to West Ford Flat and payment of the NPI to SAI. The original intent of the original parties and the underlying agreements was to own and operate West Ford Flat as a stand alone plant and to compensate SAI

1 based on the actual operating expenses associated with West Ford Flat. Although Calpine may have  
2 been in existence in 1984, no one with Debtors have personal knowledge relative to there underlying  
3 agreements.

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5 Debtors' Pleading misleads the court by suggesting any that Debtors' subsequent purchase  
6 and operation of surrounding plants and the administrative difficulties Debtors would experience by  
7 complying with agreements somehow justifies Debtors' unilateral attempt to modify the agreements  
8 and not comply with them. Whether Debtors reasons for breaching the agreements and operating the  
9 various plants together are true or false is irrelevant and do not warrant or allow Debtors to re-write  
10 the agreements to serve their own purposes.

11 Debtors' Pleading simply acknowledge that six years ago (pre and post-petition) they have  
12 used a completely different method of calculating the NPI payable to SAI.

13 Coincidentally, six years ago a new line item appeared in the NPI statements, SAI noticed  
14 costs had increased and the payment to SAI decreased, and SAI stopped receiving certified NPI  
15 statements certified by Debtors' Chief Financial Officer.

16 SAI has included in this further response a summary of NPI statements based on information  
17 from Debtors. This summary reveals that from July 1994 through December 2000, there was not a  
18 line item in the NPI statements for "Allocated Expenses" and SAI was not charged "Allocated  
19 Expenses". This summary also reveals that in April 2001 (effective January 2001) Debtors  
20 unilaterally included "Allocated Expenses" as a line item and as an expenses and thereafter  
21 calculated the overhead expense on both Lease Operating Expenses AND this new found feature  
22 "Allocated Expenses".

23 **D. SAI's Claims Are Valid And Based In Part On Debtors' Acknowledged Ongoing Breach  
24 And Noncompliance With Agreements With SAI.**

25 SAI's State Action, claims, and initial response indicated that Debtors had acknowledged  
26 ongoing breaches of their agreements with SAI, including, but not limited to, not providing a yearly  
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1 certification of NPI statements by Debtors' Chief Financial Officer, using budgeted numbers rather  
2 than actual costs, allocating budgeted expenses from other plants and including such expenses in  
3 calculating the NPI payable to SAI, including expenses not directly attributable to the West Ford  
4 Flat plant and including such expenses in calculating the NPI payable to SAI, and using budgeted  
5 numbers and improper costs in calculating the overhead expenses used in calculating the NPI  
6 payable to SAI.

7 Debtors' Pleading confirms that Debtors have breached the underlying agreements, inter alia,  
8 by using budgeted numbers, not using actual cost figures, including costs not subject to the  
9 agreement, allocating expenses from other plants as costs, and charging an overhead percentage  
10 based on budgeted figures, inappropriate costs, and allocated costs. Mr. Tipton and Debtors'  
11 counsel's suggestion that Debtors use "a commercially reasonable method of allocation" does not  
12 excuse their non-compliance with the underlying agreements.

13 The Declaration of Guy Tipton also reveals some of Debtors' ignorance and arrogance. For  
14 example, noticeable absent from Mr. Tipton's declaration is any representation that anyone with any  
15 of the Debtors have personal knowledge of the West Ford Flat plant prior to the creation of Calpine  
16 (1984), the execution of the original agreements between SAI Geothermal and Freeport McMoran,  
17 an explanation why Debtors' have failed and refused to provide the contractually yearly required  
18 certifications of the NPI statements from Debtors' Chief Financial Officer, why Debtors use  
19 budgeted figures and not actual costs, why the allocated expenses did not exist prior to their first  
20 inclusion in the NPI Statements in April 2001 (back charge from January 2001), why the 15%  
21 contractual overhead provision includes both budgeted expenses and allocated expense from other  
22 plants. The answer is both a breach of the agreements and self-evident, Debtors' want to do it their  
23 way because it is apparently easier for them. However, such is not a justification for re-writing the  
24 agreements or a defense to SAI's claims.

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1 **E. Debtors' Failure To Comply With The Contractual Obligations, Failure To Make  
2 Documents Available To SAI, And Failure To Allow An Audit Caused The Resulting State  
3 Action And SAI's Inability To Fully Determine Its Damages/Losses And To Liquidate Its  
4 Claims.**

5       The State Action was commenced, inter alia, because Debtors' failed to comply with its  
6 contractual obligations, including but not limited to, providing a certification of the NPI statements  
7 from Debtors' Chief Financial Officer, using budgeted numbers, improperly including costs,  
8 including expenses from other plants, and improperly including costs into the calculation of  
9 overhead.

10      Debtors' Pleading suggests the monthly NPI statements, including the two post-petition  
11 examples attached to Mr. Tipton's declaration, provide sufficient information for SAI. Mr. Tipton is  
12 wrong.

13      Debtors' Pleading also suggest Mr. Tipton's explanation regarding the use of allocation should  
14 answer SAI's concerns. Mr. Tipton is wrong. The pro-forma statement presented by Mr. Tipton was,  
15 for practical purpose, guess work, self-serving, irrelevant, and never agreed to by SAI. The  
16 documentation necessary to properly re-calculate the subject NPI statements is, as represented by  
17 Mr. Tipton, in Northern California, can't be moved, voluminous, and not yet inspected or reviewed  
18 by SAI.

19      Until such time as documentation of all the expenses, actual and allocated, are provided to  
20 SAI, the figures included in the NPI statements, except revenue from PG&E, are simple budgets  
21 from Mr. Tipton serve little purpose.

22 **F. SAI's Claims Must Be Allowed As Filed And Amended:**

23      For the foregoing reasons, Debtors' Objection to SAI's claims, KCC#2672, 2677,  
24 2678, 2798, 2799, and 2802, must be overruled and SAI's claims remain as filed an as amended  
25 until supplemented by SAI.

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2 **G. The Court Should Grant SAI's Request For Relief From Stay to Allow SAI And**  
3 **Debtors to Properly Liquidate SAI's Claims.**

4 As the Court recalls, SAI promptly filed a motion for relief from stay because Debtors filed  
5 an Objection which (specifically pages 7-8, paragraphs 21-24, and Exhibit D) sought to disallow and  
6 expunge numerous timely filed Proofs of Claim, including SAI's, on the grounds:

7 **"23. The reason that the Debtors are objecting to these Unliquidated Claims**  
8 **is because** the Bar Date set in these Chapter 11 Cases was more than eight months  
9 ago and the Chapter 11 Cases have been pending for more than a year, while the  
10 claimants who filed these claims still have not supplemented their proofs of claim  
11 to substantiate and liquidate the claims or provided the Debtors with any additional  
12 information regarding the Unliquidated Claims. The Debtors have thoroughly reviewed  
13 their books and records and other information concerning each Liquidated Claims  
14 that has been made available to them, and submit that **without additional information**  
15 **from the claimants, the Unliquidated Claims are unenforceable under section 502 (b)(1)**  
16 **of the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law or agreement.**" (Emphasis Added)

17 Debtors now seek continue use of the bankruptcy stay as a shield and as a sword to prevent  
18 SAI from obtaining the necessary information in the most effective manner in order to liquidate its  
19 claims.

20 If the court does not lift the stay or allow an alternative method for SAI to liquidate its  
21 claims then the Debtors will be allowed to summarily alter their contractual relationship with SAI  
22 and summarily eliminate a legitimate creditor without allowing SAI to utilize its contractual audit  
23 rights, proceed with its State Action, proceed with discovery, secure evidence, and have a trial.

24 Debtors have been in bankruptcy approximately eighteen months, have had ample time to  
25 work through many critical problems, has represented to the public that a plan would be forthcoming  
26 later this month, and now has two California law firms representing its interest relative to SAI.

27 Further, Debtors' ongoing failure and refusal to comply with its agreements with SAI cause  
28 ongoing post-petition harm to SAI. Although SAI receives its post-petition NPI payments from

1 Debtors on a monthly basis, these post-petition payments are not in accordance with the agreements  
2 between the parties.

3 The most cost effective manner to resolve these pre-petition and post-petition problems is to  
4 allow SAI to proceed with its State Court litigation. As previously stated, the witnesses, documents,  
5 subject property, and evidence are in Northern California and now, with Debtors' retention of  
6 Northern California bankruptcy counsel, all actual and potential counsel are located in Northern  
7 California.

8 Robert Membreno, Trustee of SAI Trust and signature to the underlying agreements  
9 currently resides in Nicaragua, but will travel to the United States for purposes of discovery and trial  
10 as necessary. Mark Membreno, associate with SAI Geothermal and administrator of SAI Trust  
11 resides in Northern California and will submit to discovery and trial as necessary. Other members of  
12 SAI Trust would have to be contacted to determine the availability for discovery and trial.

13 **H. Conclusion:**

14 SAI seeks relief from stay so it can conduct the necessary discovery to substantiate its  
15 damages/losses and liquidate its claims and secured Debtors' compliance with the underlying  
16 agreements.

17 Dated: June 11, 2007

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